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TRAFFIC OFFENCES.

CASES AT THE POLICE COURT.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The usual crop of summonses against drivers of motor vehicles and trucks came for hearing before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning.

In explanation of a charge of failing to have full control of a P.W.D. motor lorry at Pokfulam Road in which a Chinese driver was the defendant, Sub-Inspector Alexander said that there were two others seated beside the driver, while another was perched on a lap. Defendant was fined \$15.

Shelter from the Rain.

The offence of the driver of another motor lorry was that of causing obstruction by parking his vehicle near the Asiatic Building at the top end of Pedder Street. It was stated that he took shelter from the rain at this busy place for fully 25 minutes. Fine \$10.

Taxi Driver's Excuse.

A Chinese appeared as the complainant in a charge against a taxi driver of refusing hire.

Defendant's excuse was that the magnet had become wet owing to the rain and refused to work. Sergeant Hopkins said he understood that when the complainant took another taxi defendant's vehicle moved away so that there was apparently nothing the matter with the magnet. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

WATER SUPPLY.

RESTRICTION AS PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

HEAVY RAIN NEEDED.

Hongkong is not suffering from a water shortage but the reservoirs are lower than the average for the time of the year. Consumption, too, has been rather high—natural enough considering the heat—so restriction for districts West of Garden Road is to be introduced from to-morrow, as indicated in the official notification. This, of course, applies to those dependent on rider mains alone for their supplies.

Although rain has been sufficient to break up many sport engagements it has not been sufficiently heavy to be carried to the reservoirs in any great quantity. If heavy rain sets in the restrictions will be immediately withdrawn.

THE WEATHER.

FORECAST AND RAINFALL FIGURES.

The forecast of weather conditions until noon to-morrow in this morning's report by the Observatory is south winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

With the addition of 0.03 inch of rain since yesterday, the total rainfall for the year stands at 37.78 inches, against an average of 41.55 inches.

Pressure had decreased moderately from the Yangtze Valley to N.E. Japan. It is nearly stationary elsewhere. Depressions are shown over S.W. China and to the north-west of Shanghai.

CANTON CUSTOMS ROW.

According to latest reports from Canton, there is little new to report with regard to the agitation to get native employees of the Chinese Maritime Customs to join the union.

It is stated positively that negotiations have not been definitely closed, nor has any threat been made to shut down the Customs or withhold permits (thereby closing the port).

MAILS.

Mails arrived this forenoon by four vessels, but none from the United Kingdom.

The French steamer "Paul Lecat" brought 30 bags from France, Saigon and the Straits, while the "Portico" had 56 bags from Japan and Shanghai.

Mails from Hamburg and the Straits by two German boats amounted to a total of 84 bags.

Home mails and parcels are due by the P. & O. s.s. "Ranpura" on Thursday.

"RATHER SHADY."

COUNSEL AND ALLEGED LOAN.

WOMEN AT LAW.

Mr. A. E. Hall described as "rather shady" the conduct of a Chinese woman plaintiff in the Summary Court this morning who sued another woman for \$200 alleged to have been lent.

The plaintiff was Lok Kiu, of 14 St. Francis Yard and the defendant, Lo Chik-ai, of 38 Robinson Road.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. W. D. Owen and defendant by Mr. A. E. Hall.

Plaintiff, giving evidence in support of her contention that the defendant borrowed money from her, said that she herself had to borrow to lend to the defendant. She denied knowledge of a Chinese named Pang Fook-in or that she had lent money to him and was suing the defendant as guarantor. The loan to defendant had been as principal. She (witness) obtained a promissory note from the defendant but she was told it was rather vague so she got defendant to sign another one.

Mr. Hall referred to a previous writ which the plaintiff had taken out against Pang Fook-in for the sum of \$200 in regard to which the present defendant was stated to be a guarantor. Plaintiff had failed in her case then and he suggested that this action was the result. He would also refer His Honour (Mr. Justice Wood) to certain discrepancies in dates on the promissory notes and dates on the stamps.

His Honour said he was not satisfied that the plaintiff had made out her case and dismissed the claim with costs.

NOT THE SHOES.

WHAT CAUSES INGROWING TOE NAIL.

OUR FEET IN SUMMER.

Like many of the other ills which affect mankind, ingrowing toe nail is the result of artificial conditions. It is not as its name might suggest due to inherent perversity of the nail. It is predisposed to by the wearing of shoes or boots which press upon the medial side of the great toe and crowd the toes together, and of course the condition is commoner in a hot damp atmosphere such as that of a Hongkong summer, for the heat causes the feet to swell and this means that the foot wears becomes relatively tight. But the main exciting cause is cutting the toe nails too short, says Prof. Kenneth H. Digby, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., of the Hongkong University.

This is not always realised; and medical men in the past have received fixed salaries to cut shorter and still shorter the ingrowing toenails of the European members of the staffs of business firms in the Tropics.

The side of the toe nail is rounded and the soft parts can be pressed upon it without causing any difficulties there. But the angle between the blunt side and the scissor-cut margin is sharp, and if this angle does not project beyond the soft tissues the latter may come to be pressed upon it and are liable to be chafed and tender. If the nail be now trimmed still lower temporary relief is obtained at the risk of more trouble as further soft parts are pressed upon a fresh sharp angle still more deeply buried. The irritated soft tissues swell and as the nail grows distalwards from its base the sharp angle is driven by the urge of growth into the swollen tissues forced on to it by shoe pressure.

The skin is eventually worn through and deep septic infection by the border of the nail supervenes.

A nail grows in thickness from the whole of its nail bed but in length from the root, that proximal portion of the nail bed which is covered by skin. When the nail is torn off the bed bleeds slightly but in 4 or 5 days heals and fresh nail substance is formed so that the nail bed hardens. But the new full thick nail grows slowly from the base and takes four months before its free edge projects well clear of the soft parts.

The above is from an article on Minor Maladies, in the latest issue of "Caduceus," the Journal of the University Medical Society. Illustrations are given. Prof. Digby also details the treatment here advocated.]

PIRATE'S FATE.

PLOTS EVIL IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

WOMEN OUTLAWS, TOO!

Some Who Travel "Incognito" in Macao.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Pakkai, Kongsmoon, June 30.

Struck by lightning, a pirate met his death while hiding in a hut along the river bank, waiting to launch an attack.

This unusual incident occurred at Siu Lam. There were four outlaws in the hut which was destroyed by the flash. One died immediately and the other three are in serious condition.

Unable to resist a determined offensive by punitive expeditions sent out by Commander Chan



This is one of the many members of the fair-sex in "Canton more far" who think nothing of making a livelihood by force of arms. Note the mauler in one hand, brandoller, shorts, marching kit and felt hat.

Cheung-po, pirates in the Sze Yap districts have fled for overseas comfort, the majority travelling incognito via Macao.

From Kwonghol comes news of a coup by bandits several thousand strong. They captured the city but were driven back to the hills on the approach of reinforcements of regulars from Sunning. This band is still in the neighbourhood of the city. They have seven steam-launches for their transport. One such, on being captured by the troops, was found to have on board 50 cases of ammunition, 500 shells for small artillery and large quantities of provisions.

In this very port of Pakkai, a pirate threw an explosive "stink-pot" into the silk cocoon bazaar. This was at 9 p.m. on June 27. Owing to the hour, the place was not crowded and only one salesman was injured. The pirate had asked for "protection money." On its not forthcoming, he carried out his threat as stated.

Kongsmoon soldiers have been despatched to deal with robbers at Koo Cheng and Hoi Chow. A victim who has escaped from a pirate stronghold at Kwonghol says that the gang includes women outlaws who "argue as brave as the men." There were over two hundred other people in captivity, waiting to be ransomed.

The shortage of kerosene has affected this band and they burn peanut oil day and night—also foregoing matches. The narrator insists that it is worse to fall into the women pirates' hands than into the men. He also accuses the whole village of Sheung Mun of being a piratical community.

A local junk passing through Chinese waters on the way back to Hongkong was, according to a report made to the police, boarded by five armed men. The passengers and crew were searched and \$25 was stolen from them.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand today was 2/2 15/16.

OUR MOSQUITOES.

NOTES ABOUT HONGKONG PEST.

PLACES WHICH ARE FREE.

Everyone in Hongkong is familiar with the activities of mosquitoes, where they are a perennial nuisance.

Malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases are prevalent, but apparently little has been done towards a scientific study of this important group of insects in this Colony, observes Dr. A. G. M. Severn, B.A., M.D., D.P.H., in an article in "Caduceus." Extracts are:—

The first attempt at a systematic examination and classification of the mosquitoes of Hongkong seems to have been made in the years 1900 and 1901 by Dr. John C. Thomson, a Government medical officer. His report was published in the appendix of the Report of the Principal Civil Medical Officer for the year 1901.

From Police Stations.

He was able to examine more than thirty-one thousand mosquitoes, collected as adult insects, during a period of twelve months, from thirty-six Police Stations throughout the Colony, including the New Territories, Cheung Chau, Lamma, and Stonecutters' Island.

He states that 3.7 per cent. of the mosquitoes examined were Anopheles, these being of three species only, viz.:—

Anopheles sinensis.

Anopheles maculatus.

Anopheles minimus (in order of frequency).

The last two were described as new species, not previously recorded elsewhere.

Dr. Thomson differentiated twelve species of Culex, which comprised 96.3 per cent. of the total number of mosquitoes collected.

Also three other varieties of Culex which were considered to be new species, and others which were noted as "probably new species."

Tables were published showing the distribution of the mosquitoes both as to time of year, and place where obtained.

It is noteworthy that no specimens of the Stegomyia fasciata were found at that time, and also no Anopheles were recorded from Stonecutters' Island.

Dr. Thomson was assisted in the work of classification by Mr. Theobald, the eminent entomologist.

This is an interesting survey made at a period when comparatively little was known about the mosquitoes of the East.

Another Effort.

The next extensive collection of local mosquitoes was obtained by the late Dr. H. Macfarlane, a former Government Bacteriologist, during the years 1912-14. Some twenty thousand specimens were sent to England and named by Mr. F. W. Edwards, of the British Museum of Natural History.

Most of the mosquitoes were bred from larvae collected by Dr. Macfarlane and various Sanitary Inspectors.

It will be seen that Dr. Macfarlane added considerably to our knowledge of the varieties of mosquitoes found in this Colony. Three new species were discovered as the result of his efforts, two being named after him.

Last year I commenced to collect mosquitoes, mostly bred from the larvae found by the staff of the Sanitary Department in the course of their duties. These were sent to Mr. F. W. Edwards, the well-known authority, of the British Museum of Natural History, who very kindly offered to identify them for me. A few also were identified at Liverpool University.

Altogether more than six thousand specimens have been sent home by me up to the present date.

The species most commonly found in the Colony is Culex fatigans, this ubiquitous insect is met with everywhere, and at all seasons of the year. The Stegomyia scutellaris, the common black and white mosquito, is the next most numerous. It is frequent in hot summer weather, and is a persistent daylight biter.

Our Friends, the Fish. Anopheles are very rarely found in the city of Victoria, and that part of Kowloon situated south of Gascoigne Road is equally free from these dangerous mosquitoes.

The Anopheles mosquitoes of Hongkong are fairly readily distinguishable from other varieties. Hongkong is fortunate in possessing at least two or three indigenous

CANTON CAMPAIGN.

YUNNAN CHIEF TO HELP WU PEI-FU.

STRENGTH IN WAR ZONE.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, July 5.

A semi-official estimate places the strength of the Cantonese troops in Hunan province as over 10,000 bayonets with the usual complement of artillery, machine-guns, pioneers, service corps, medicals, etc.

On the other hand, there has been no announcement that general orders to advance from the base at Shiukwan have been given.

[Note: Shiukwan is the present northern terminus of the so-called Canton-Hankow (Yueh-Han) Railway. It is situated on the North River and has strategic as well as commercial importance. The Kwangtung Government has established a great military camp there, as the main line of defence should Wu Pei-fu's subordinates defect Canton's ally, who is fighting in Hunan, close to the Kwangtung provincial border. The Canton forces in the field form the Northern Expedition to counteract Wu Pei-fu's southerly ambitions.]

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Yunnanfu, June 25.

It is officially announced that General Tang Chi-yao, governor of Yunnan province, will assist Wu Pei-fu's campaign against Kwangtung.

LADIES' PAPER.

LOCAL CHINESE PICTURE WEEKLY.

GIRL PUBLISHERS.

A ladies' paper—for and by the fair sex—has made its appearance in Hongkong.

The first number was issued on Sunday, printed on art paper and comprising mostly pictures (from half-tone blocks), advertisements (also by similar illustration), but with very little "copy."

The editor, publisher and staff are all stated to be young Chinese ladies, who are very keen and well up in the requirements of the journalistic profession.

Like the majority of vernacular publications which first saw light within the last two months, this ladies' journal is a weekly. There are now in Hongkong several papers on the lines of magazines, picture papers, etc., but it is not yet possible to say whether there is a permanent demand for them. The "Wah Tsz Yat Po," one of the big dailies—is giving readers twice a week, a magazine supplement free.

"CADUCEUS."

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SOCIETY JOURNAL.

"Caduceus," the University Medical Society's journal, May number, has been published.

Besides being nicely printed in its handy size, it contains much useful information, some of which is too technical for the layman. Extracts are reproduced by the courtesy of the Editor.

ous species of small mosquito-eating fish. These are found in ponds and streams, but are less common than formerly; such valuable fish should be protected. A very hardy and voracious species, with an extraordinary appetite for mosquito larvae and even pupae, is the Chinese Paradise Fish. I am sending other fish, with similar proclivities, to England to be named, as I have been able to find but little data regarding them. Specimens have recently been obtained from the neighbourhood of Kowloon City and Cheung Sha Wan.

The rocky pools around our coast, close to the edge of the sea, are not always free from the larvae of mosquitoes; I have found Aedes toget breeding in large numbers in such pools near "Big Wave Bay," in water more saline than ordinary sea-water, no doubt they occur in similar situations elsewhere in the Colony.

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AT THE QUEEN'S.

"EVE'S LOVER" SHOWING
TO-DAY.

At the Queen's Theatre to-day and to-morrow there will be screened "Eve's Lover," produced by Warner Brothers, with Bert Lytell and Irene Rich in the leading roles, and a strong supporting cast. The story is more than usually entertaining and tells of Eve Burnside, who, at the age of thirty, owns and operates a huge steel plant that she has inherited from her father. She is in a position coolly to turn down an offer of \$1,500,000 for her business. The offer is made by Austin Starfield (Willard Louis), who finds himself near ruin from competition.

In his extremity, Starfield turns to Baron Grunide Maddox (Bert Lytell), a fascinating but dissolute adventurer, over whom Starfield holds the threat of imprisonment for passing a bad cheque. He bribes the nobleman to pay court to the rich business woman, and the Baron, an artist as a lover, sweeps the modern Eve into his arms with romantic adacuity.

After a honeymoon in the tropics Eve and her lover return to New York, where they plunge gaily into the social life of Park Avenue. There, at a gorgeous dance, the Baron is confronted with a flame of his bachelor days, the fiery little Rena (Clara Bow), who says that he intends to tell his wife that he married her to save himself from jail and to swing Eve's business over to Starfield.

Eve overhears the conversation and, deeply humiliated, decides to break with her husband. She returns to her steel plant and shows herself into her work. But dissatisfaction has been growing in her absence, and Starfield has hired agitators to swing "the mer into a strike that would mean ruin for Eve."

The Baron, who has grown truly in love with his wife and who has rejected Starfield's plan to get the business out of Eve's hands, follows her to the steel mills. How he rescues her from the strikers, break into a violent mob, and how he saves her business forms the climax of the story.

Irene Rich plays the modern Eve and Bert Lytell appears as her lover. Others in the cast are Clara Bow, Willard Louis, Arthur Hoyt, John Stepping and Lew Harvey. The picture is said to combine a merry vein of satiric comedy with a stirring adventure story.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in
Reservoirs on June 1, 1926.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER
WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Tytam	39.8 B.	18.5 B.
Tytam Bywash	23.9 B.	17.4 B.
Tytam Intermediate	14.10 B.	Level.
Tytam Tuk	40.4 B.	23.8 B.
Wong Nei Chung	40.9 B.	21.10 B.
Pokfulam	25.5 B.	20.0 B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow" figures are not in feet and decimals but in feet and inches.]

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Tytam	128.48	246.65
Tytam Bywash	1.17	4.27
Tytam Intermediate	120.32	195.00
Tytam Tuk	620.38	744.68
Wong Nei Chung	6.93	86.4
Pokfulam	14.70	23.50

Total 893.98 1,223.44

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May:

	1925	1926
Consumption	287.45	284.05
Estimated population	331,280	401,000
Consumption per head	23.7	21.3

Constant Supply in the River: Main Districts during May 1925 excepting the River Main Districts West of Garden Road to which an Interim supply was given from 25th May.

Constant Supply in all River Main Districts during May 1926.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	24.6 B.	5.11 B.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	Under	Under
Construction	19.11 B.	19.11 B.

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1925	1926
Kowloon Gravitation	146.38	288.09
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	Under	Under
Construction	32.03	32.03

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of May.

	1925	1926
Consumption	79.85	72.88
Estimated population	150,100	155,200
Consumption per head	17.2	15.1

Full Supply in all districts during May 1925 and 1926.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total Rainfall to 31st May 22.52 in. in 1925 and 30.85 in. in 1926.

H. T. GREASY,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department.

London, June 19.—The Scottish ladies' golf championship was won by Miss Mary Wood.



Mrs. Marshall Field is preparing to sail with an exploring party into Brazil as official photographer.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN JAPAN.

CHRISTIANS, IGNORED,
PERTURBED.

Tokyo, June 5.—"Religious Freedom" for all is an existent and outstanding fact to which every broad and generous member of any church or follower of any of the creeds approved or accepted by modern civilisation or Christianity, will testify readily. As evidence we have some 250,000 professed Christians attached to the 25 different churches and creeds which have existed for well over half a century within this empire of 60,000,000 of people, and are now instructed by some 2,000 pastors, preachers and ministers.

Freedom and Law.

But "freedom" does not mean an entire absence of laws to control, nor does it permit the recognised and well approved creeds to be brought into contempt and obliquity by new "isms" or "antis" working under "the cloth," but which are in fact the purest and the most dangerous advocates of anarchy. For this reason the Government has found it necessary to revise the "Religious laws" and bring them, all and sundry, under the one head. This has been an outstanding problem for the past 30 odd years.

"There should be no need for such a law in a country where the constitution guarantees religious freedom as it does in Japan," said a leading official recently, "but in his country religion has always been an object of state interference as well as of protection, and legislative regulation is necessary now, especially in view of the fact that there are so many different sects, which are liable to be at war with one another, besides lacking the spirit of autonomy." This last remark referred to the Buddhist, priesthood, while Shintoism is essentially a politico-religious institution for which state regulation is unavoidable.

Draft Prepared.

The Department of Education has just finished drafting a law of religion consisting of 125 articles, providing for the "control" of all religious bodies which enjoy specified protection and privileges, as well as others that, under the name, of religion, engage in illegal acts. The draft is forthwith to be put before the recently appointed "Religious Commission," and then will be put through the Diet before it becomes a law.

The draft is, in short, a codification of different laws and ordinances hitherto in force with such amendments as are thought to be required by the progress of the times and with also some new features judged to be of advantage to religious bodies.

The exemption from land tax and legal seizure of certain properties comes under the latter category. The proposed law is divided into separate provisions applicable respectively to Buddhism, Shintoism, other religions, Buddhist temples, churches and so on. The provisions applying to Christianity and other non-Buddhist or non-Shinto religions present no new feature whatever, the principle of non-interference being as hitherto, adhered to as far as possible, while these religions are to share equally in all those general provisions of a beneficial nature.

As regards Buddhism, the prospective law is intended to save the Department of Education from endless and constant sectarian disputes, with which it is now being worried. All such disputes will be referred to a "Religious Commission," which will make the award. Below is given religious statistics up to date.

AT THE STAR.

"THE FIRE PATROL" TO-DAY
AND TO-MORROW.

"The Fire Patrol" had an earlier run here and met with great success. It will show at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. It is a Chadwick Picture, featuring Anna Q. Nilsson, Madge Bellamy, Dickie Brundage, Charlie Murray, Conklin, and Ball Montana and was produced by Hunt Stromberg.

Although its melodramatic sequences are all that drama demands, it is a picture which achieves a different appeal for every type of cinema-goer, welding them all into a consistent narrative. There is red-blooded adventure for those who crave only this sort of entertainment. This is apparent from the title, which divulges the use of the Coast Fire Patrol for the first time in pictures. Developing from this is an explosion at sea, and later, a fire to which the fireboats respond. It is all tense drama which never lowers its suspense. Equally as effective are the storm scenes which run through almost the entire picture, and which are not merely incidental to the story, but symbolise the conflict of the human souls which it describes.

Buddhism in Japan is divided into 12 main sects as follows with the number of temples belonging to each sect.

Sect	Temples:
Tendai-shu	4,474
Shingon-shu	12,076
Jodoshu	8,277
Rinzai-shu	6,032
Soto-shu	14,221
Obaku-shu	625
Shinshu	19,616
Nichiren-shu	4,961
Toki or Jishi	490
Yuzu Nembutsushu	357
Hossoshu	42
Kegonshu	27
Total	71,141

Other non-attached temples 35,518

These temples are under the charge of 52,767 priests and 1,132 nuns, while non-attached temples are taken care of by 35,515 religionists.

Besides the temples the Buddhist sects have altogether 5,870 preaching stations.

The Shinto has about 121,400 priests and is divided as follows:

Denomination	Number of Priests:
Kurozumikyo	3,902
Shuseha	7,224
Oyashirokyo	3,913
Fusokyo	3,442
Jikkokyo	2,786
Taiseikyo	3,380
Shinshukyo	3,530
Ontakekyo	9,251
Shinrikyo	1,679
Harakkyo	1,625
Konkonkyo	1,595
Tenrokyo	45,784

Religionists other than Buddhism and Shinto:

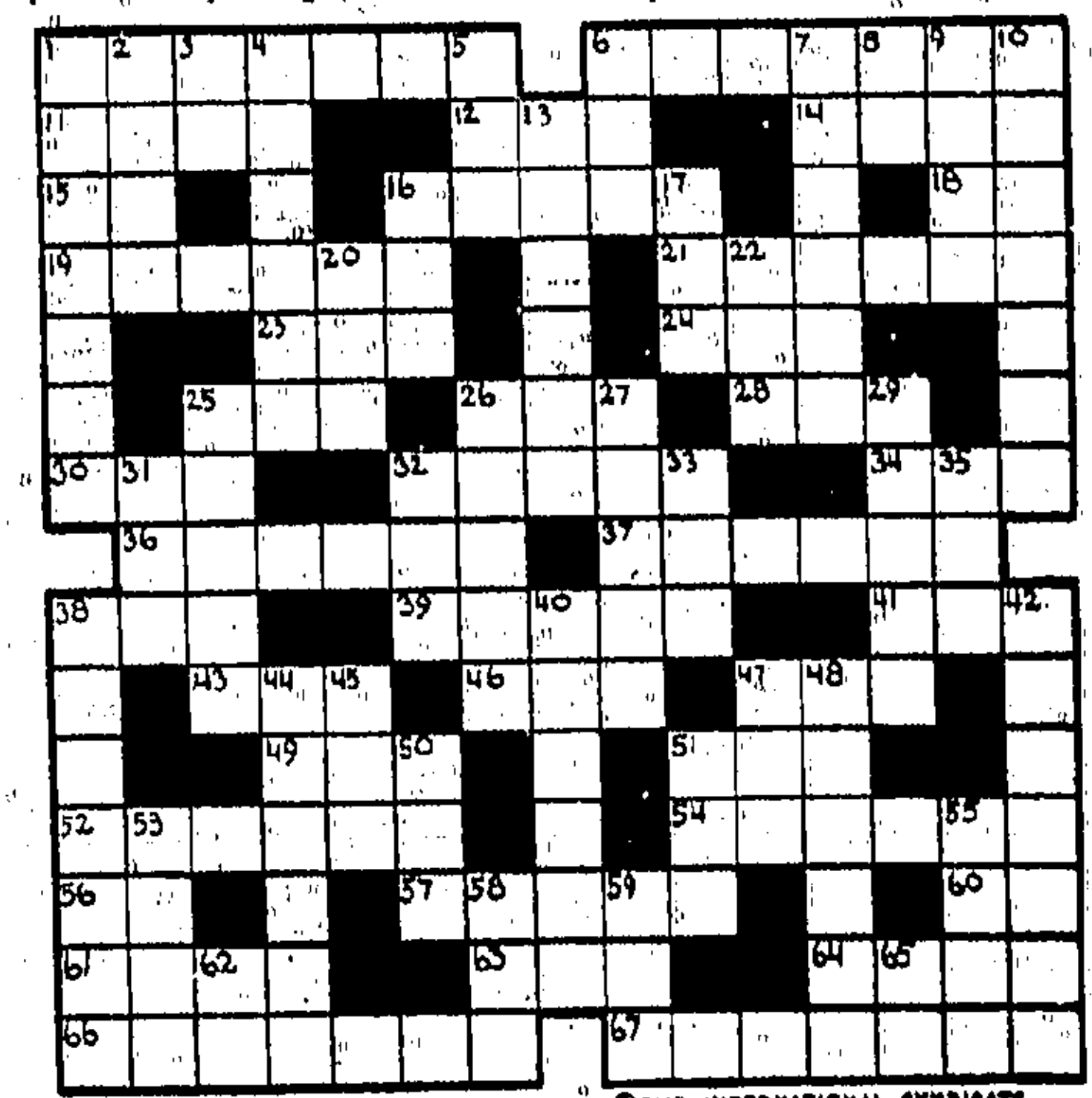
Denomination	Pastors:
Roman Catholic Church	193
Greek Church	149
Church of Christ of Japan	337
Congregational Church	159
Japan Episcopal Church	342
Baptist Church	89
Japan-Methodist Church	364
Mifu Church	28
Fumi Church	6
The Evangelical Association	47
Gospel Society	19
Scandinavian-Japan Alliance	14
Christian & Missionary Alliance	1
Brotherhood Church	26
Universal Evangelical Association	10
Japan Dojin Kitoku Church	3
Friends Church	8
Christ Church	96
Christian Church	38
Hephziba Church	1
Seventh day Adventist	3
Salvation Army	97
Church of Oriental Mission	25
Nazarine Church	10
Unattached	54

Christians Perturbed.

Some of the representatives of the Christian Churches seem to be disturbed because no special reference is made to the Christian religions in the proposed new law. The Japanese who assisted in making the draft say that any new provisions were regarded as entirely unnecessary because no change is made and all of the churches are free to preach and teach without any restriction. It was also pointed out that the number of Christian religionists in Japan is so infinitesimal as compared with the national religions that any special treatment is unnecessary, except to reiteration of freedom to come, and freedom to go, as they please, with the assurance of a welcome, ample protection and special privileges.

OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Type setter	19-Guided	17-Phrase meaning "thrills"
2-Abased	51-An assessment	20-Digit
11-Tardy	52-To long for	22-Combining form "outside"
12-Yes	54-To gash	23-Garb
14-To roam	56-Thut	25-Rear of a boat
15-Part of the verb "to be"	57-To finish	27-Lever
16-Banquet	60-Eastern State of U. S. (abbr.)	29-Fermenting agent
18-Within	61-Ireland	31-Girl's name
19-A city in Greece	63-A body of water	32-A month (abbr.)
21-Rebel	64-A fish	33-Play on words
22-Ship's daily record	66-Last course of a meal	35-Reverential fear
24-Frozen water	67-Menace	38-Smeared with grease
25-To color		40-Geological period
26-To stitch		42-Fibers
28-Attempt		44-Foreigners
30-Vehicle		45-By means of
32-Letter for sharpening razor		47-Pale
34-Deavour		48-Pardon
36-An edict		50-Moisture
37-A freebooter		51-To blind
38-Motor fuel		52-Painful
39-To smooth, as feathers		55-A lift
41-Put		56-Summa meaning "one who"
43-To undermine, as a wall		58-Exists
46-Conjunction		60-Exclamation
47-Moist		

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

"SAUCE FOR THE GANNETT."

(BY TINTAX.)

Lewis, forgive me that I should choose.
To sing your praise, the lovely lyre, I do it merely to appease the Muse. And not to raise your Yankee ire. Your noble duty 'tis to harp 'on Truth.

—The lyre's cousin is the harp, forsooth!

The lute, the sickbut and the psaltery.
Have each, of course, their own sweet fire—
Yet each, methinks, sounds somewhat paltry.
By contrast to the glorious lyre!
Great instrument! played throughout the Ages,
Beloved of women, fools, frauds and Sages!

That dear old song, "Oh, twist the Lion's tail!"
N'er fails to gain the world's applause!
—The erstwhile King of Beasts, his gills are pale,
And no one fears his whilom-cruel jaws!
So you, dear Lewis, can with safety say,
"England in China has outlived her day."

But when you return, as of course you will,
To the great Nation that sent you forth,
And, equally of course, present your bill,
Let's hope they'll think that all the worth.
You've outpoured in their columns day by day,
Is worth the dollars that they've now to pay!

And so, adieu! a long and last good-bye.
God's Own Country holds you safe once more!
But should, perchance, this catch your roving eye,
You will, I trust, recall that ancient Saw,

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CANADA MARU Sails on Wednesday, 14th July.
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco and Panama.
HAWAII MARU (From Keelung) End of July.
JAPAN PORTS
SANUKI MARU Sails on Saturday, 24th July.
SUMATRA MARU Sails on Friday, 18th August.
KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
KAIJO MARU Sails on Sunday, 11th July Noon.
TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
KOTSU MARU Sails on Sunday, 18th July Noon.
TAKAO and KEELUNG Sails on Wednesday, 14th July 10 a.m.
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PRAYA SHOOTING.

QUESTION OF WHEN TO FIRE.

CONSTABLE'S KNOWLEDGE.

The inquiry into the death of a Chinese pig dealer who was shot by a constable was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday. Previous evidence given was to the effect that the deceased and others were seen to load some bags into a sampan which the constable suspected contained contraband. The order to stop being ignored, the constable fired several shots one of which hit the deceased who was seated in the stern of the boat. Giving evidence again, the constable was closely questioned with regard to the direction of the fire, and he said he intended to hold the sampan under the water line and frighten those on board. Mr. Hazlelrigg: Do you realise it was exceedingly dangerous for a marksman like yourself to fire at the sampan?—That did not occur to me. Asked further questions about the regulations governing firing from revolvers by police constables, witness said he had power on shore to fire at people smuggling arms. Mr. Lindsell: Who told you that? Witness replied that he could draw his revolver if a man drew arms in the streets, and Mr. Lindsell remarked that that was a very different thing. The constable also said that he had been taught the rules governing land firing, but not the regulations for the use of revolvers when suspected persons were in the harbour. Mr. Lindsell: Had you any reason to think those on the sampan were armed and were likely to attack you?—No. It was pointed out that officers were entitled to shoot if they suspected that a felony had been committed, but not if a felony was going to be committed. In reply to other questions, witness said he had never had the regulations interpreted to him, and he could only read a little. He later admitted that at the Central Station he had been instructed in the regulations. At his present station, the regulations were pasted on a board, but he had not read them because they had not attracted his attention. Asked when he thought he was entitled to shoot, witness replied when a person had committed a felony. At this stage the inquiry was adjourned until next Monday.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada", Capt. S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., Commander, will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on July 9.

"Some people seem to think that leadership is best expressed in finding out what people dislike and then making them do it."—Prof. W. R. Boorman.

The marriage will take place shortly, in Kuala Lumpur, of Col. Sir Richard Waldie-Griffith, 4th Battalion, the King's Own Scottish Borderers, and Mrs. A. M. Pearson.

"The church must demand that Christianity should not only be taught and professed, but also that it must be applied in human, industrial, and business relationship."—William Green.

Passengers by the R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" from Shanghai included Dame Adelaide Anderson and Sir Francis Aglen. Dame Adelaide has completed her work on the Boxer Indemnity Commission, and as in the case of the other members, is proceeding Home.

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WEIHAIWEI.

July 10—C.N. Huichow
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July 8—C.N. Nanning
IPHONG.

July 7—C.N. Liangchow
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July 7—J.C.S.N. Mingsang
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July 7—C.N. Kwelyang
8—K.P.M. Van Cloon
11—C.N. Kwangtung
13—B.F. Dardanus
16—C.N. Kiangsu
20—B.F. Hector
28—B.F. Fulda
Aug. 22—N.L. Asphalion
Sept. 8—B.F. Sarpedon

MANILA.

July 7—A.O.L. Pres. Grant
9—J. Line Pres. Taft
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RIVER FLOODS.

STILL RISING AT KONGMOON.

STREETS UNDER WATER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Pakkai, Kongmoon, June 30.
The river flood is still rising although the weather has changed for the good to-day.

The lower streets at Kongmoon have been flooded since June 26. From Pakkai I am informed:—sounding in front of Customs 10 feet; just level with the bund.

THE PHILIPPINES.

INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF INDEPENDENCE.

Williamstown, Mass., June 30.
The Institute of Politics announced to-day that two entire days would be given to the international aspects of the Philippine question at the sixth annual session of the institute to be held between July 29 and August 26.

An invitation has been sent to Philippine Resident Commissioner Guevara in Washington asking him to present the case for independence. Guevara replied that he would be delighted. Congressman Wainwright, author of the bill for biennial inspection of the islands by a committee of congressmen, will be another speaker. It is hoped to obtain the co-operation of Representative Bacon or someone similarly opposed to independence, for presentation of the case for American sovereignty in the islands.

The institute will seek facts on the big international problems of 1926, including national monopolies in rubber, coffee and other products; also disarmament, security and the future importance of chemistry in world affairs. Nicholas Politis, former minister of foreign affairs in Greece and now Greek minister to France, will head the list of well known European statesmen who will attend the institute. He will lecture on disarmament.

Dr. Albrecht Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, professor of law at Hamburg University, will lecture on the European situation. He was a member of the German Peace Delegation to Paris in 1919.

Resident Commissioner Guevara and other speakers on the Philippine question will be included in that part of the programme which is devoted to a survey of the international situation in the Far East. This section of the institute is under the chairmanship of George Blakeslee, professor of history and international relations in Clark University. United Press.

PEKING CABINET.

ADMIRAL TSAI'S NEW POST.

Peking, July 6.
T'ai Ting-kan's resignation is possibly explained by the fact that it is reported on good authority that he will take up the Foreign Affairs portfolio.—Reuter.

[It was reported on Saturday that Admiral T'ai Ting-kan had resigned from the Shuiwuchu and Chinese Tariff Conference Delegation.]

CHOLERA.

NEGAPATAM DECLARED INFECTED.

Batavia, July 5.
The Government of the Dutch East Indies has declared Negapatam infected with cholera.—Reuter.

[Negapatam, in Southern India, is the port of embarkation for Tamil coolies proceeding to rubber estates in Malaya.]

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18—N.Y.K. Mishima Maru
27—E. & A. Tande

Sept. 16—B. & S. Taiping
Oct. 1—E. & A. St. Albans
20—E. & A. Arafura

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8—K.P.M. Van Cloon
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15—J.C.J.L. Tjikanang
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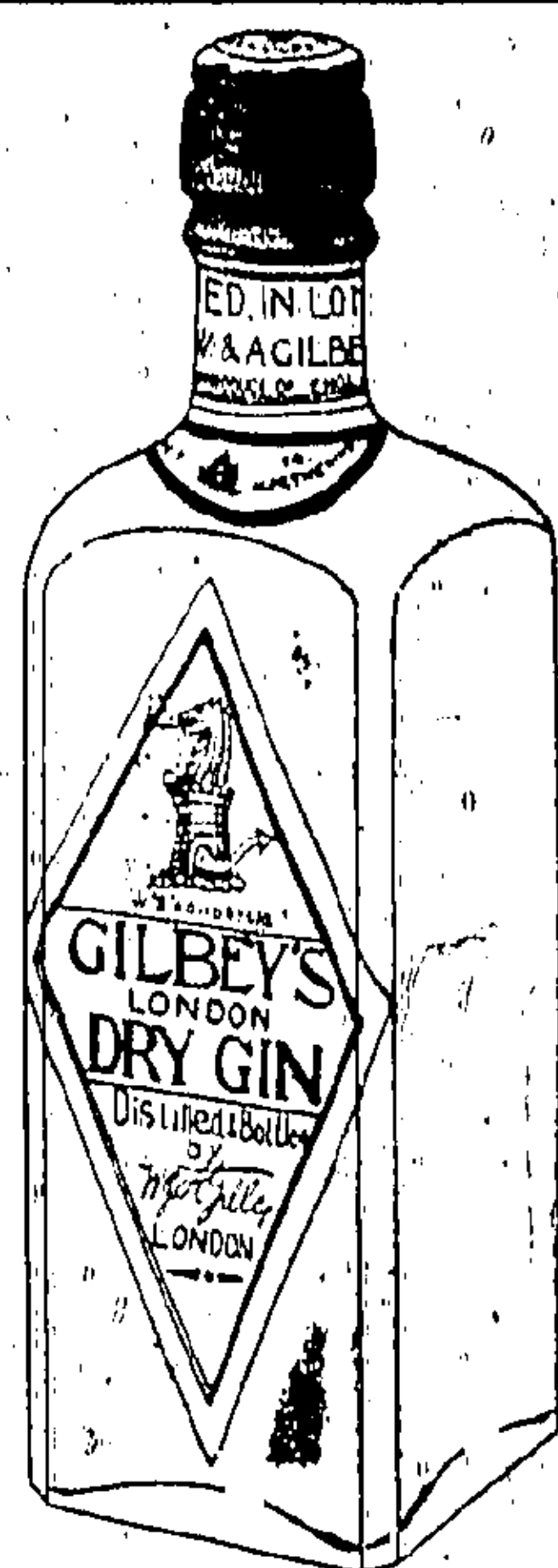
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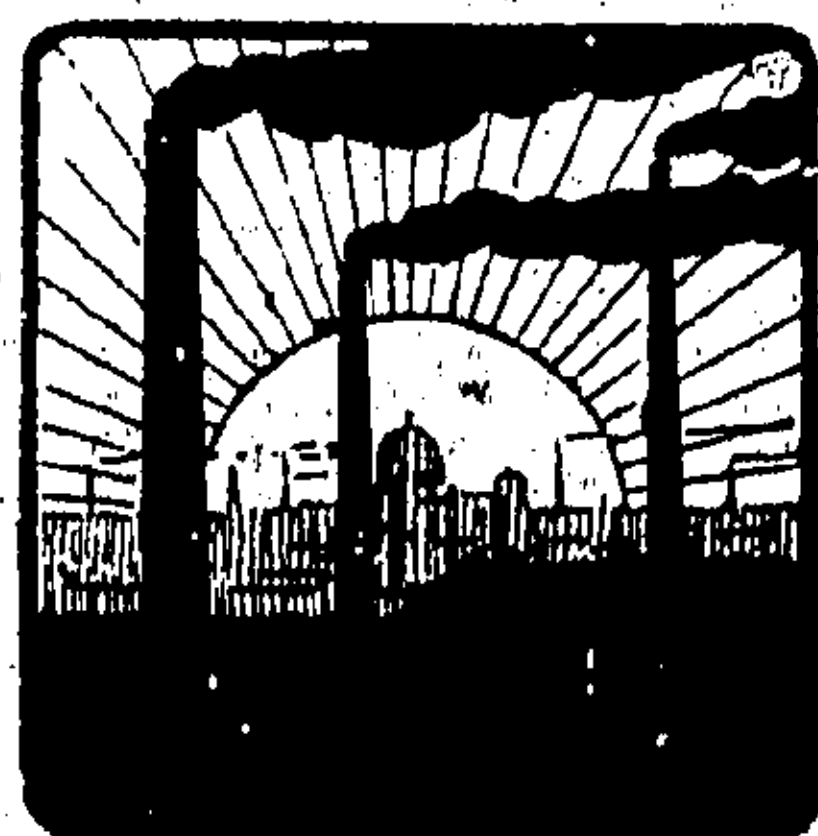
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THAT TARIFF CONFERENCE.

It is clear that the China-Tariff Conference has broken down owing to the absence of Chinese delegates, but it must also be admitted that there has been a lack of mutual understanding and goodwill among the foreign Powers represented at the Conference. It is well, owing to the numerous erroneous statements which have appeared in the Press (the Japanese particularly) that the British Minister has made the British attitude clear. We are told, inter alia, that it is Great Britain's "earnest desire and intention to implement the Washington Treaty with the least possible delay, and grant the surtaxes provided therein, if this should be the wish of the Chinese Government, and it is prepared to discuss any reasonable proposal put forward by the Chinese delegates in harmony with the spirit of the letter of the Washington Treaty." Moreover, the British Government states that "in the event of the Chinese Delegation on the resumption of the Conference, tabling a proposal for immediate enforcement of the Washington surtaxes, it has no intention after agreement on such proposals has been reached, to suspend the proceedings of the Conference or break off negotiations for the conclusion of the Tariff Treaty, which were interrupted by recent political developments in China."

By way of showing what the Japanese Press has been saying on the subject, the Tokyo Asahi recently alleged that a change had come over Britain's attitude toward the Conference. It asserted that "Britain has unmasked herself." It implied that on the downfall of the Tuan Government, Britain declared herself in favour of the discontinuance of the Conference, and this declaration was followed by the departure for home of Colonel Peel and Mr. Stewart, the British delegates. "It seems" (said the Asahi) "that Britain bases her advocacy of the termination of the Conference on the unsettled political situation of China, and on the belief that it is to the mutual benefit of China and the Powers that the settlement of the question of the 2½

per cent. tariff increase and that of the 5 per cent. surtax should be made the occasion for the discontinuance of the assembly." Another remarkable statement from the same source reads:—"This attitude on the part of Britain may be attributable, in part to the fact that her patience, which was sorely tried by the Shanghai episode, has been exhausted at the chaotic political situation actually prevailing in China. But a stronger reason is presumably to be sought in her fears that she may be called upon to surrender her monopolistic privileges in China, if the Conference be allowed to carry on until it touches on the question of tariff administration." In any case, the British action, has brought the Customs Conference face to face with the grim necessity to choose between the two courses, whether it should be continued or discontinued. Again, another Japanese paper, the Chuo, recently said:—"Notwithstanding all the efforts made by Japan to keep up the Customs Conference, the delegates of the Powers are hurrying home. Of all the Powers who are represented at the Conference, Britain adopts the strongest attitude. She brusquely rejected the earnest request made by the Chinese Government, through the acting Chinese Minister in London, for the continuance of the Conference, on the ground that it is futile to continue it in the present chaotic conditions prevailing in China."

The Chuo, however, does not spare its own country. The tariff autonomy proposal, it continues, has two great difficulties to surmount. One difficulty, which is on the Chinese side, is the abolition of likin, and the other difficulty, which is on the Japanese side, is the conclusion of a reciprocal treaty with China. The Japanese Government erroneously believed that the abolition of likin was a matter of little difficulty, and could be carried out with ease by January 1, 1929. Under this mistaken hypothesis, it lent its support to China's claim to tariff autonomy light-heartedly. To everybody who knows anything about the conditions in China, however, it must be obvious that the abolition of likin is attended with supreme difficulties. In fact, the Chinese and Japanese delegates were considerably embarrassed by pertinent questions formulated by the British delegate in the course of the debate on the subject. If the Japanese Government honestly believed that the abolition of likin could be accomplished without much difficulty, it was guilty of a gross miscalculation. If, on the other hand, it supported the Chinese claim to tariff autonomy with its eyes wide open to the difficulty of the abolition of likin, it acted very dishonestly. Japan ought to have helped China's aspirations within the limits possible in the existing conditions of that country, if she is really solicitous of the welfare of the Chinese people. She may win popularity among the Chinese by advocating such a difficult proposition, but such popularity will turn into antagonism when it is discovered that the scheme is impossible to carry out.

In view of the publication of erroneous statements concerning Britain's attitude, and the frank admissions of the Japanese papers of Japan's "blunder," it is to be trusted that the official declaration made by the British Minister in Peking will clear the air. Recriminations among the foreign Powers represented at the Tariff Conference cannot be good either for themselves or for China. If the Conference ever resumes, let it be in a more trustful atmosphere.

NEW PRESIDENT.

HONGKONG BOY SCOUTS ASSOCIATION.

NUMBERS INCREASING.

At the invitation of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) who is Chief Scout of Hongkong, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, LL.D., has accepted the office of President of the local Boy Scouts Association, in succession to the late Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

The members of the Association consider themselves extremely fortunate in having secured so keen and sympathetic a President as Dr. Kotewall, who has continually given practical proof of his interest in and desire for the welfare of the movement, which is steadily extending among the boys of the Colony.

Three New Troops.

Most of the already existing twenty troops report increase in numbers and vigour, and three more troops are either already in being or in process of formation.

It is not yet fully realised that the main object of the Scout movement is character training with a view to producing good citizenship, not of one particular state or form of government, but of the world.

Once this fact is grasped by the many who still view the movement with suspicion, there is no reason why Scouting in Hongkong should not grow by leaps and bounds, provided men can be found who will follow Dr. Kotewall's example, and from already busy lives spare just a little time for the benefit of this great worldwide brotherhood.

OPEN AIR BALLET.

MURA SHIPPOFF CO. AT LEE GARDEN.

MACAO SUCCESSES.

It having been established that Hongkong theatre-goers are in favour of open-air shows, the enterprising Lee Garden management (the great Chinese amusement park at East Point) has again arranged for the Mura Shippoff Art Ballet Co. to give performances in their spacious grounds.

The season has been fixed for Thursday to Sunday, inclusive, start 9.15 each night.

Mura Shippoff and her company have just returned from a very successful visit to Macao, H.E. the Governor of Macao being present on three nights.

All the old favourites are still in Mr. A. Stern's company but new numbers are promised in the "change every night" programmes. The orchestra will be drawn from members of the 1st East Surrey Regiment band, by permission.

Although the weather was highly unfavourable when the open air ballet was tried for the first time a few weeks ago, the result was more than gratifying. Mr. J. S. McKenzie, the popular manager, is to be congratulated on having secured a re-engagement of the talented dancers and instrumentalists, and thus providing good-class entertainment in a cool garden on summer evenings.

SPAIN'S KING.

SLIPS SECRETLY FROM HOTEL FOR AWHILE.

CAUSES COMMOTION.

Paris, June 25.
King Alfonso of Spain caused a half-hour sensation this morning when he disappeared from his hotel without notifying his body-guard. When his absence was discovered the house detective became excited and notified the French secret service.

King Alfonso explained later that he had become weary of being under constant vigilance since the plot against his life was discovered, and had gone quietly from a rear door of the hotel. He had just purchased a new automobile of French manufacture and wanted to test it without the interference of more than 100 detectives who are assigned to watch him.

When he returned to the hotel he found the lobby in an uproar with the entire personnel being assembled for questioning.—"United Press."

"LANTERN" SECT.

ALLEGED MURDERER OF MRS. SIBLEY.

ANOTHER LADY ATTACKED.

An up-country reader of the "China Mail" writes concerning the murder by a Chinese of Mrs. Sibley at Chongtu, and of the subsequent attack on another lady missionary. His letter reads:—

Yunnanfu, June 25.
Mr. and Mrs. Sibley of the Canadian Methodist Mission, went from their station at Jungshien to Chongtu, for dentistry, arriving early in June.

On June 7, Mrs. Sibley went out for a short walk, and was attacked by a man with a short sword, who at once knocked her down, and then cut off her head.

Leaving the corpse where it was, he took the head, and running away, threw it into a public convenience.

The man, who was apparently mad, was shot a few streets away. It is supposed that he was a member of the "Red Lantern" sect.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, June 9, and an escort of sixty soldiers was supplied, to follow the cortege, as a mark of respect.

Missionary Rescued.

This seems terrible enough, but the very next day, whilst Miss Manley, of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, was walking through the streets, she was twice attacked by an unarmed man, who tried to strangle her, but fortunately, help was forthcoming on this occasion, and she was rescued and the man arrested. From appearances, the man was judged to be a student.

Since these happenings, every foreigner is provided with an escort from the Police, when walking anywhere, and naturally, the thought in everyone's mind is—who will be the next?

Strangely enough, the majority of the populace seem quite friendly, and the only form of annoyance which is experienced is in the form of calling the foreigners offensive names, and this from only a few.

Such a state of things calls for more than a "Diplomatic Note," and since foreigners are guaranteed protection, this should be forthcoming, and offenders should be dealt with in such a manner that others will think twice before interfering with them.

KOWLOON ROBBERY.

THREE CHINESE IN COURT.

ONE MAN IDENTIFIED.

Three Chinese appeared before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday on charges of being concerned in a robbery at a gardener's hut off Austin Road with an alternative charge against the third defendant of receiving a watch knowing the same to have been stolen.

Mr. D. McCallum represented the first defendant.

The case as outlined against the defendants was that they entered the hut on the pretext of being revenue officers in search of illicit opium. During the search they seized the complainant and took from his girdle a gold ring, a watch and a knife. The defendants were subsequently arrested and the first had been picked out at an identification parade, but the other two were not recognised.

The case was adjourned.

JULY 4TH.

CONTINUED CELEBRATIONS YESTERDAY.

The American community entertained a large gathering at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday in celebration of Independence Day. Refreshments were provided and the Hotel band provided music for the dancing. Lady Clementi paid a short visit, among others attending being the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern (Colonial Secretary) and Mrs. Southern, Mr. J. R. Wood (Puisne Judge) and Mrs. Wood, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe (Captain Superintendent of Police), Mr. S. B. B. McDermott (Assistant Colonial Secretary), Captain Bloxham, Professor L. Forster, Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp (Attorney-General), Mr. R. M. Dyer, Col. Robertson, and many other well-known local residents, members of firms and Government officials.

There were also present a representative gathering of Naval officers from the two United States warships in port.

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OBITUARIES.

MRS. K. K. STAPLE.

Her many friends, will regret to learn of the death of Mrs. Staple, which occurred at her residence, No. 64, Mt. Parish at 3.15 p.m. yesterday. The funeral passes the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

Mrs. Staple was resident in Hongkong for a number of years and sympathies will go out to her husband, Mr. K. K. Staples, of the P.W.D., in his sad bereavement.

Miss Anna Jonsson.

Ichang, June 24.—The Swedish Mission here have suffered a great loss in the death of Miss Anna Jonsson after a brief illness. Miss Jonsson was 57 years of age and has spent 24 years in China, the last eleven years of her life in Ichang where she had endeared herself to the Chinese women and girls amongst whom she worked. Yesterday the funeral service was attended by a large number of foreigners and Chinese, being conducted in the cemetery chapel in English by the Rev. O. Franson and at the graveside in Swedish by the Rev. G. Tonner. Several Chinese gentlemen spoke affectionately, and feelingly about Miss Jonsson's life, work, example, love for the Chinese, etc., and exhorted those present to remember her teaching and follow her example.—"N.C. Daily News."

Mrs. R. J. Harrison.

Manila, July 3.—Mrs. R. J. Harrison, well-known Manila, died Wednesday in San Francisco. News of her death was brought to Manila in a telegram received yesterday by her brother-in-law H. H. Harrison.

Mrs. Harrison, who had been in poor health for several months, was taken to the United States by Mr. Harrison about four months ago for medical treatment. Her condition had been reported as improved since her arrival there. The news of her death comes as a great shock to her many friends in Manila.

Mrs. Harrison, who before her marriage was Miss Augusta Hargis, of Ukiah, California, came to Manila about 1908 to visit her brother, L. D. Hargis, who was a practising attorney here for several years.

Mr. Harrison, head of Norton and Harrison Company, is one of the best known business men of Manila.

In respect to the memory of Mrs. Harrison, the office of the Norton and Harrison Company will be closed to-day.—"Manila Bulletin."

BISHOPS DRIVE.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST EPIDEMIC OF IMMORALITY.

Chicago, June 30.
Twenty-eight bishops of the Methodist Church met here in conference to-day to launch a campaign against the "epidemic of immorality," which they believe is sweeping the United States. Speakers from various parts of the country described conditions, and agreed in most instances that there was room for improvement in the morals of the post-war generation.

Prohibition and the lack of efficient enforcement were blamed by most of the speakers and several projects for diminishing the supply of illegal beverages were put before the meeting. More drastic punishment for bootleggers, imprisonment for purchasers as well as sellers of liquor and the defeat of all candidates for election who fail to declare themselves on the side of the dry law, were the three suggestions which received most favourable comment.—"United Press."

Private information received in the Colony is to the effect that Lieut. Comdr. Conway-Hake, Assistant Harbour Master, who proceeded on special leave three months ago, has tendered his resignation. No corroboration of this can be obtained in official circles.

The birthday cake, made of Empire produce, which the King agreed to accept on June 8, was sent to him by Sir Joseph Cook, High Commissioner for Australia. From all parts of the world telegrams of congratulation were received at Buckingham Palace, among them being one from Prince George, who is in the East.

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COAL CRISIS.

NEW HOURS BILL IN THE LORDS.

LATEST WAGES OFFERS.

Rugby, July 5.

In moving the second reading of the Coal Mines Bill in the House of Lords this evening, Lord Cecil emphasised that the Bill was a temporary, permissive, and emergency measure, which did not interfere with the seven-hours day principle. He said that the problem which they had to overcome was how to keep the mining industry going, and he could not help feeling that the economic case against the lengthening of hours had been in some respects exaggerated. It would be a mistake to treat the Bill as the whole policy of the Government. It was only a part of that policy, and the suggestions of the Coal Commission would be carried out, with the exception of nationalisation of royalties and municipal trading. The Government was considering the latter question very carefully. He believed that there was a strong case for the amelioration of mines in many cases, and that it would mean a considerable saving in working costs. He was also attracted by the proposal of the Commission regarding selling agencies, where something material might be done.

Lord Cecil complained of the negative character of the Opposition's policy. He added that the Government was ready at any time to resume the work of negotiation and mediation.

Wage Offers Posted Up.

The mine owners of Scotland, Forest of Dean, and the Bristol area, as well as those of Yorkshire and Warwickshire, have now posted new wage offers, all showing a maintenance of pre-stoppage rates in return for a longer working day. Half a million men are affected by these offers.

Owners in other areas will post their wage offers during the week. It is expected that by Thursday, when the Bill will probably become law, about 750,000 miners will have an offer of work at the old rate of wages for an extra hour a day.

Meanwhile, the miners' leaders continue to urge the men to refuse to go back until they get the full demands, which are:—No reduction in wages, no increase in hours, and no district agreements.

A Wages Board?

Asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he intended setting up a Wages Board in the coal industry such as had been satisfactorily established in the railway and other industries, the Prime Minister stated that the success of such a Board in any industry depended upon the desire of the industry itself to make it succeed. This was recognised by the Royal Commission, whose comment was that there might be advantages in having a Board of this sort if the two parties agreed. As this condition was not at present fulfilled, he did not think that it would be necessary to pursue the proposal for the moment.—British Wireless Service.

"AGIN" EVERYBODY.

BITTER SPEECH BY RAILWAY PRESIDENT.

BALDWIN DENOUNCED.

Weymouth, July 5.

The Railway Companies, the Government, and Mr. S. Baldwin, Prime Minister, were bitterly attacked by Alderman W. Dobbie (York), the President of the National Union of Railwaymen, in a speech at the annual Conference of the Union. He said that the general strike had roused the class consciousness of the workers, whose spirit on the ninth day of the great fight was better than on the first. The Railway Companies were determined to make the railwaymen pay the penalty for their strike losses, but, before long we shall demonstrate that the temporary victory of the employing class is only the prelude to a great working-class triumph.

Mr. Dobbie denounced Mr. Baldwin as a dangerous hypocrite. He (Mr. Baldwin) talked of his rural contemplation of the pig, but he appeared to have learned more from the fox, gaining his ends by posing as a friendly disposed opponent.—Reuter.

Paying For The Strike.

London, July 5.

A White Paper publishes a Supplementary Estimate of £3,000,000 to meet expenditure in connection with the general coal strike. The figure includes:—
Food Organisation £1,977,000
Transport 20,000
Coal Consumption and distribution 35,000
British Gazette 16,000
Police 165,000
The cost of the purchase of imported coal is also included.—Reuter.

RIDICULOUS.

ONLY UNION PRESS TO REPORT A CONFERENCE.

N. U. R. RESOLUTION.

Weymouth, July 5.

The National Union of Railwaymen's conference adopted a resolution that only representatives of Trade Union papers be eligible to report the proceedings, in spite of a speech by Mr. J. H. Thomas declaring that such a resolution would only make the conference ridiculous, adding that the Press representatives were as good Trade Unionists as the mover and seconder of the resolution.

Every Press representative left the room after the adoption of the resolution by a show of hands.—Reuter.

VILLAGE HOUSING.

FRESH PROPOSALS TO PARLIAMENT.

SLUM CLEARANCES.

Rugby, July 5.

The Ministry of Health intends to make fresh proposals to Parliament this year dealing with village housing, and will next year put forward fresh measures to facilitate slum clearances.

This statement was made to-day by Sir Kingsley Wood, Parliamentary Secretary to the Health Ministry, at a conference on child welfare. He mentioned that in Great Britain the infant death rate, which in 1900 was 154 per 1,000 births, had been since reduced to 75 per 1,000. The need for further improvement was being met by rapidly increasing the number of maternity and infant welfare centres.—British Wireless Service.

NO TOLERATION.

ALL ORGANISED RELIGION BANNED IN MEXICO.

Mexico City, July 5.

President Calles has published a decree, effective on July 31, prohibiting organised religion in Mexico.

Thirty-three articles stipulate, inter alia, that all ministers of religion must be of Mexican birth, all school education must be secular, establishments of monks and nuns are prohibited, all churches are to become national property, religious bodies are forbidden to acquire or possess property or capital.

Criticism of this decree by any publication is not allowed.

The penalties for violating the decree range from fines of five hundred to several thousands of pesos, with or without imprisonment of from fifteen days to six years.—Reuter's American Service.

KOREAN REBELS.

PLANNING OUTRAGE IN SHANGHAI?

Shanghai, July 5.

The Japanese Consular authorities at Shanghai are much exercised over reliable information that certain ringleaders of the Korean independence movement have arrived in Shanghai from Canton, with the intention of taking revenge for four compatriots who were arrested for complicity in the bomb outrage a month ago, when they threw a bomb in front of the Japanese Consulate.

One of the prisoners hanged himself in gaol.

The men now in Shanghai are believed to be intending to bomb the Consulate again. Heavy guards have been placed round the building, and every precaution is being taken to protect the Consul and his staff.—Reuter.

CHINA'S TARIFF.

CONFERENCE REGARDED AS FAILURE.

Tokyo, July 5.

This morning's papers devote much space in commenting on the adjournment of the Peking Tariff Conference, which is interpreted as a failure.

Three causes are mainly blamed, firstly the Chinese chaos, secondly the Powers attempting to uphold their own claims too stubbornly, and thirdly Japan's attempt to exceed the scope originally contemplated. Instead of co-operating with the other foreign delegations for the adoption of the Washington treaty decision as regards surtaxes, prominence is given to alleged statements by the Selyukai opposition party leaders, that the resultant situation must be regarded as "a great defeat for the present Ministry's foreign policy."—Reuter.

FRESH MEAT.

CONTINENTAL SUPPLIES BANNED.

FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE.

Rugby, July 5.

Replying in the House of Commons to a question on the recent order prohibiting the import of Continental fresh meat into Britain, Mr. W. E. Guinness, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, said that it was instituted because of the actual discovery of foot and mouth disease in three such consignments.

No case of disease could be traced to Argentine meat and, in the absence of definite proof of disease, the prohibition of chilled and frozen meat from the Argentine would not be justified.—British Wireless Service.

KING OF SPAIN.

HONOURED BY OXFORD UNIVERSITY.

DOCTOR OF CIVIL LAW.

Rugby, July 5.

The Degree of Doctor of Civil Law by diploma was conferred upon the King of Spain in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, by the Chancellor of the University, Lord Cave, to-day.

Spanish Chair. It is announced that the £25,000 required to endow a Professorship in Spanish at Oxford University has been subscribed.—British Wireless Service.

ECHO OF JULY 4.

A SIGNATURE TO THE DECLARATION.

PURLOINED FROM ARCHIVES.

Atlanta, July 5.

The State authorities announce that they will sue for the recovery of the "autograph of Button Gwinnett, one of the signatories to the Declaration of Independence, which was sold by auction recently for \$22,500.

It is alleged that the signature was purloined from the State archives.—Reuter.

Button Gwinnett was a merchant, born in England, who migrated to the States. He was a delegate from Georgia and was the second signatory to the Declaration of Independence to die.

SUBMARINE RAISED.

AN AMERICAN DISASTER RECALLED.

FUNERAL OF VICTIMS.

Washington, July 5.

It is officially announced that Submarine S51, which sunk in 135 feet of water off Block Island last autumn, has been raised to the surface and will probably be towed to Brooklyn Navy Yard. It will be opened to remove a score of bodies of the crew for a funeral with full naval honours.—Reuter's American Service.

FRENCH FINANCE.

CAILLAUX AND THE EXPERTS' FINDINGS.

FULL APPROVAL.

Paris, July 5.

At a meeting of the Cabinet, M. Caillaux submitted a statement which he will make to the Chamber on Tuesday showing that he entirely approves of the findings of the Committee of financial experts and intends to have them fully carried out.

The Cabinet approved of the statement.—Reuter.

SYRIAN WAR.

FRENCH REPORT ANOTHER ADVANCE.

RINGLEADERS SUBMIT.

Beirut, July 5.

Thirty-five rebels were killed during the French advance in Southern Jebeldruze. The French reached Melha without incident. Many of the ringleaders submitted.—Havas.

'QUAKE VICTIMS.

RELIEF FUNDS OPENED IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, July 5.

Funds to relieve the victims of the earthquake in Sumatra have been opened all over Holland.—Reuter.

Another Shock.

Padang, July 5.

A new and heavy earthquake occurred at Fort de Kock. Several buildings were severely damaged and panic prevailed everywhere. The total fatalities are over 400.—Reuter.

ITALIAN FLIGHT.

DE PINEDO ARRIVES IN BATAVIA.

TO CIRCLE THE GLOBE.

Batavia, July 5.

The Italian airman, Marquis De Pinedo, has arrived on a visit. He is planning a 60,000 mile world flight starting from Italy and crossing the Atlantic to North America, thence via the West Indies and South America across the Pacific to New Zealand, Java, Singapore, India, Cairo, and back home to Italy.—Reuter.

TRAIN SMASH.

OFFICIAL EXPLANATION OF ACCIDENT.

CHANGE TO LOOP LINE.

Paris, July 5.

The cause of yesterday's accident is officially ascribed to the fact that the Havre-Paris train was diverted to a loop line. The driver was unaware of the change and maintained a speed of 56 miles an hour, which is too fast for a secondary track.—Reuter.

DUTCH WELCOME.

ACCOUNTANTS' CONGRESS OPENED.

500 DELEGATES ATTEND.

Amsterdam, July 5.

Over 500 delegates representing a score of European countries and the United States were present at the opening of the International Accountants' Congress. The Burgomaster gave a speech of welcome, which contained passages delivered in English, French, Dutch, and German.—Reuter.

FRANCE TO PAY DEBT.

PREMIER INSISTS FRANCE WILL NOT DEFAULT.

Paris, June 29.

Premier Briand informed the press that France intended to pay her entire debt to England and America because that was the sole means of obtaining essential credits in London and New York and preventing the French franc from following the German mark to the "bottomless pit."

He said that a delay might be sought in putting the terms of the Berenger agreement with Secretary Mellon into operation but that this "would only be a means to an end." The first act of the new government, he said, would probably be to hasten a settlement with England.

Once this is accomplished, Minister of Finance Caillaux will undertake to negotiate several huge loans in New York and London which will not be "prejudicial to the sovereignty of the French government."

He said that the French government had no intention of impairing the independence of the Bank of France and that the institution would remain financially distinct and separate from the French treasury.—United Press.

PROHIBITION.

LIQUOR BOUGHT BY W. C. T. U.

Washington, June 29.

The frequent purchase of liquor by special agents of the state with money out of the fund of \$130,000 raised by the Pennsylvania Women's Christian Temperance Union for the enforcement of the dry laws, was disclosed to-day before the Senate campaign fund committee. Senator Reed of Missouri, chairman of the committee, said the law was violated in order to enforce it, but William B. Wright, counsel to Governor Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania, who with Attorney General Woodruff administered the funds, defended the practice of the agents as essential to obtain evidence.—Associated Press.

Big Campaign Starts.

Washington, July 1.

Prohibition's army of 4,000 was mobilised to-day in the most extensive campaign against liquor during the seven years of prohibition. General Lincoln C. Andrews, head of the prohibition machinery of the government, has planned the campaign on the basis of the appropriation of \$29,000,000 by congress for the enforcement of the laws. The campaign will be waged on "land" and sea against the principal sources of supply.

General Andrews promised that within two years there would be more effective enforcement, reduced costs and more popularity for the law.—Associated Press.

THE WILKINS EXPEDITION.

MARRED BY QUARRELS AMONG OFFICERS.

Seattle, Wash., June 29.

Lieutenant Carl B. Ellison, pilot of the unsuccessful Arctic expedition headed by Captain George H. Wilkins, to-day revealed that a disagreement between Captain Wilkins and Major Thomas G. Lamphier, the army observer with the party, marred the undertaking. At the same time he disclosed that Roald Amundsen, leader of the dirigible Norge expedition, and Colonel Noble, the Italian builder of the Norge, were at odds and for several weeks did not speak to each other while making the flight from Rome to Alaska via the top of the world.—Associated Press.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

July 6—Queen's Theatre: "Eve's Lover."
July 6—Star Theatre: "The Fire Patrol."
July 6—World Theatre: "The Fighting Coward."
July 12, 19, 21—Brick Morse's California Collections, the World's Greatest College Entertainers will appear at the City Hall.

Auctions.

July 7—At Lammert Bros. Sales Room, Duddell Street, 78 cases Lager Beer and 20 cases oatmeal stout, 11 a.m.

July 8—At Lammert Bros. Sales Room, Duddell Street, a large quantity of miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Meetings.

July 10—Meeting of creditors of the Hing Wah Paste Mfg. Co. at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince Building, Ice House Street, 2 p.m.

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SPORTS SECTION.

THE AUSTRALIANS.

2ND DAY'S PLAY AGAINST NOTTS.

FOREGONE CONCLUSION?

Playing the Australians at Trent Bridge, Nottingham (one of the stronger of the counties) seem booked for an innings defeat unless rain intervenes.

When stumps were drawn on Saturday, the position was:—Notts (1st) 193 runs. Flint 79 not out; Malley 7 for 110. Australia (1st) 202 runs for 2 wickets. Bardsley 87 not out; Macartney 81.

On the resumption yesterday (as cabled by Reuters) the Australians added 286 runs for the remaining 8 wickets. Out of their 1st innings total of 468 runs, T. J. E. Andrews made 91, and W. M. Woodfull 102 not out. W. Bardsley was dismissed without adding anything to his overnight score. Larwood (who played in the 2nd Test), took 3 wickets for 88 runs. Richmond (who played in the 1st Test, 1921) took 3 for 132.

Batting the second time, Notts had lost 6 wickets for only 94 runs. They need 131 runs, with only 4 wickets in hand, to stave off an innings defeat to-day (the third and last day).

Reuters' cable says that the weather was dull, but the wicket was good. There were 16,000 spectators.

ASCOT RACES.

DETAILS "AHEAD OF THE MAIL."

HOME TURF RESULTS.

London, June 16. The weather at Ascot was delightful and the gathering was larger than yesterday. The sunshine materially improved the going.

Their Majesties on arrival made special inquiries regarding the condition of Siret who was visited by Steve Donoghue this morning.

There were many parties of distinguished members of society in the paddocks and lawns. The weather encouraged women to risk more summer creations, and broad crinoline hats and coloured parasols displaced sombre umbrellas.

CORONATION STAKES (1 MILE). Moti Mahal 1, Gay Bird 2, Peeress 3.

The Aga Khan won the first race with Moti Mahal.

The betting was as follows:—8 to 1 against Moti Mahal, 13 to 8 on Gay Bird.

100 to 6 against Peeress.

Nine ran. Won by a head, 3 lengths between second and third.

ROYAL HUNT CUP. The Royal Hunt Cup result was cabled at the time by Reuters.

KING EDWARD VII STAKES (1½ MILES). Finglas 1, Swift and Sure 2, Spartacus 3.

The King Edward VII Stakes was won by the French bred horse, Finglas.

The betting was as follows:—9 to 2 against Finglas, 9 to 4 on Swift and Sure.

100 to 8 against Spartacus.

Six ran. Won by 10 lengths, 6 lengths between second and third.

THE CHESHAM STAKES. London, June 16. The Chesham Stakes (5 furlongs) provided a win for next year's 2,000 guineas and Derby candidate, Thesaurup. The result was:—Thesaurup 1, All's Blue 2, Posset 3.

16 ran. Won by three lengths, three lengths between second and third.

The betting was as follows:—100 to 12 against Thesaurup, 6 to 1 against All's Blue.

100 to 6 against Posset.

BESSBOROUGH STAKES (1½ MILES). Abbot's Speed 1, Dumas 2, Scot's Grey 3.

6 ran. Won by a length, 6 lengths between second and third.

The betting was as follows:—100 to 12 against Abbot's Speed, 6 to 1 against Dumas.

100 to 6 against Scot's Grey.

WATERFORD STAKES (1 MILE). Foliation 1, Roseheartly 2, Spinel Ruby 3.

10 ran. Won by 2 lengths, head between second and third.

The betting was as follows:—2 to 1 against Foliation, 4 to 1 against Roseheartly, 6 to 1 against Spinel Ruby.

The following will represent the University against M.B.K. in a league tennis match (division "B") to-morrow, on the M.B.K. ground:—T. W. Cheong, H. Y. Leong, S. A. M. Sopher, D. K. Samy, T. L. Lu and T. K. Tan.

THE V.R.C.

RESIGNATION OF MR. R. C. WITCHELL.

ANNUAL MEETING AFFAIRS.

Reference was made at the annual meeting yesterday of the Victoria Recreation Club to the resignation from the Secretaryship of Mr. R. C. Witchell, who for ten years has managed its affairs. Mr. W. Logan, who presided, spoke with appreciation of the work Mr. Witchell had done for the V.R.C. A man of considerable experience was needed for the position, he said, and they all knew how ably Mr. Witchell had filled the post. He had worked wholeheartedly for the welfare of the Club and by sheer hard work had placed it on a sound footing.

The reports of sub-committees were the subject of reference by the Chairman. That of the Boat-House Committee appealed for greater interest in the part of members, particularly on the part of the older rowers who might help in bringing on griffins.

A successful season was reported by the Bath-House Committee, numerous sporting events in the swimming world having fallen to members. A filter to the bath had been installed and clear water was available.

With regard to gymnasium activities the hope was expressed that now Mr. J. Evans, their physical culture expert, was back again, it would be possible to revive the classes.

Dealing with the reports of other sub-committees, Mr. Logan said the club house was in fairly good condition, but there were necessary repairs which required to be done. The library had also flourished during the year under review, and that was mainly due to the work of Mr. B. J. de H. Moore.

Mr. Logan referred to the death of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, late chairman of the Club. He was a fearless man who always gave his opinion after due consideration and thought. He took a particular interest in the V.R.C. and always had its welfare at heart.

Sir Paul Chater.

Mr. Logan also referred to the death of Sir Paul Chater, who was always one of its keenest supporters. He had helped in innumerable ways and his loss, together with that of Mr. Holyoak, would be greatly felt.

Reference was also made to the deaths of four other members during the year—Messrs. J. H. Oxberry, R. H. B. Mitchell, C. H. Lyson and H. H. Taylor. Members stood in silence as a mark of respect as reference was made to these members who had passed away.

The following officials were appointed for the year: Chairman, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang; Honorary Secretary, Mr. D. Lyson; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. J. Stewart.

The following committee was appointed:—Messrs. R. C. Witchell, C. J. Cooke, W. Logan, P. W. Ramsay, J. Lyson, A. A. Alves, R. L. Moncrieff, A. Silva Netto and T. King.

The following balloting committee was elected:—Messrs. J. Walker, L. D. Turner, G. Razavet, H. Hyndman, J. Witchell, W. Ward, B. J. de H. Moore, W. Anderson, C. Bond, and S. A. Marcell.

U.S. BASEBALL.

STANDINGS IN MAJOR LEAGUES.

New York, June 26. With the July swing to the West loomings the standings in the major leagues of the United States are beginning to tighten up and the second, third, and fourth place holders are launching a desperate effort to apprehend the fleeing first position teams.—China Press.

The standings in the two leagues (on date given above) follow:

American League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	46	20	.697
Chicago	37	30	.552
Philadelphia	35	30	.538
Cleveland	34	31	.523
Washington	31	32	.492
Detroit	32	34	.485
St. Louis	27	38	.429
Boston	19	46	.297

National League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	35	22	.614
St. Louis	32	26	.552
Chicago	33	27	.550
Pittsburgh	28	24	.538
Brooklyn	29	28	.527
New York	28	29	.491
Philadelphia	20	33	.405
Boston	18	33	.353

UNIQUE GOLF.

9 HOLE COURSE IN 2 COUNTRIES!

Portia (N.D.), June 2. Golfers here soon will tee off in the United States and take their second stroke in Canada. Citizens of Portia and North Portia, Sask., are constructing a golf course with the first tee and last green in the United States and eight holes in Canada.

It is believed to be the only international golf course. An average shot off the first tee will send the ball across the international line, and on the ninth hole this line again must be crossed to land on the home green.

Most of the course will be on eighty acres of prairie land north of the border. Harry W. Gill and I. J. Donovan, Americans, of Portia, are president and vice-president, and R. H. Loughlan, Canadian, living in North Portia is secretary-treasurer.

Dirt greens will be built on the course, which will be supported by the residents of the two towns with a combined population of around 1,000.—China Press.

PALACE HOTEL BILLIARDS.

In the Palace Hotel billiards handicap, third round, last night, G. Moore (owe 200) beat W. Fish (owe 150) by 250 points to 162.

[Breaks: Moore 17, 18, 22, 18; Fish 16, 17, 33, 23, 13.]

To-night: J. W. Anderson (scr.) v. J. F. Ribeiro (owe 200).

DAVIS CUP RULES.

London, June 15. The Lawn Tennis Association has decided not to support India's suggestion that Europe should be further divided into four zones for purposes of the Davis Cup, but agreed to support South Africa's proposal that the Davis Cup should not be held annually.

NEW CAFE.

SATURDAY'S DINNER DANCE OPENING.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

The Cafe Restaurant Parisien in Pedder Building will open with a dinner dance on Saturday night, the dance programme extending from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Mr. L. G. Taylor, who is to take over the management, has arrived from Shanghai and taken charge of the arrangement of the rooms. Much has been accomplished in the short time he has been here, the main floor below and the balcony looking most attractive in blue and gold, the prevailing colour scheme throughout.

For the purpose of obtaining an effective entrance one of the windows, abutting Pedder Street will be removed, an improvement which may or may not be completed by Saturday, and patrons will proceed by way of a palm court to the main rooms.

Special attention has been paid to natural ventilation and in addition, numerous fans have been installed playing on every part of the premises. It is calculated that two to three hundred may dance in comfort. The six musicians engaged from Manila have arrived and this morning were to be heard testing the acoustics of the rooms.

After the opening on Saturday night the cafe will remain at the service of the public. Tea dances are to be held but as Sunday is not considered a favourable day they will not commence the day following the opening.

The cafe is to be open all day, morning coffee and cold drinks being a feature. There will be music at the tiller hour (charge for tiller, \$1.25).

Mention has already been made of other features of the new cafe, such as the ladies' hair-dressing saloon and show room for latest Parisian models, wine and spirit department, etc.

The directors of the scheme for the provision of this up-to-date cafe are Madame Flint and Mons. Durand.

M.B., B.S., (H.K.)

NOTES ON LOCAL MEDICAL GRADUATES.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

Of graduates in medicine at the Hongkong University, the current issue of "Caduceus" says:—

Dr. M. K. Yue—After his graduation from this University, took up house appointments and then proceeded to Cambridge for a course in Public Health. After a year's study abroad, we learn that he has obtained his D.P.H. with distinction. He is now back in China and no doubt we shall soon hear of him.

Dr. T. Y. Li—Another of our recent graduates who took up the appointment of House Surgeon and House Physician, was awarded a Rockefeller Travelling Fellowship and left last year to study in the London School of Tropical Medicine and from news to hand we are glad to learn that he passed his examinations with distinction and has obtained his D.T.M. & H. from the Royal Colleges of Surgeons and Physicians, London. He is now studying Pediatrics in Glasgow where no doubt he will uphold the name of this University.

Dr. M. B. Osman—After holding a year's hospital appointment, he was awarded a Rockefeller Travelling Fellowship and left last year for Edinburgh where he is now working under Professor Lorraine Smith. On his return he will be assisting Professor Wang's department.

Dr. K. T. Teo—After holding the appointment of House Obstetrician was awarded the Ho Fook Scholarship. From news to hand we learn that he has been appointed Visiting Medical Officer to the Tan Kah Kee Rubber Estates Hospital in Singapore. He is also enjoying a good private practice.

Dr. H. K. Lung—has commenced general practice in Malacca and is doing quite well.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, JULY 6, 1926 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	British Brokers' Share & Real Estate Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/2%	2 1/2%	2 1/2%
T.T. on Shanghai	76	76	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	112 1/2 s 112 1/2	112 1/2 s	\$1120 b.
Chartered Bank	£133 n	—	£131 1/2 n
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£20 b.	£20 1/2 n.	—
do.	£30 1/2 n.	£30 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	£13 1/2 n.	£13 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	£60 1/2 b.	£60 1/2 n.	—
Marine Insurance.	£83 n	£83 b.	—
Canton Insurance	640 n.	640 s.	\$640 a.
China Underwriters	1.80 n.	1.85 b 1.97 sa	1.80 b.
North China Insurance	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	286 sa	285 s.	\$285 s.
Yangtze Insurance	37 1/2 b.	40 n.	—
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	200 b.	200 b.	5 1/2 b.
E.K. Fire Insurance	585 b.	585 b.	—
Shipping.			
Douglases	2 1/2 n.	24 b.	24 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	26 1/2 n.	26.00 b.	26 1/2 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters.	24 n.	2 1/2 n.	24 n.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	20 n.	30 n.	30 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	46 n.	—	45 n.
Oriental Navigation	—	40 n.	—
Shell Transports	97 1/2 n x d.	92 1/2 b.	90 1/2 n.
Star Ferries	67 sa	66 1/2 s & sa	\$67 n.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 n.	15 n.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	24 1/2 b 25 1/2 sa	25 b.	25 b & sa
Malayan Sugars	34 n.	35 n.	35 n.
Mining.			
Bonanza	1 1/2 n.	—	—
Kaitian Mining Ad.	41 n.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	23 n.	24 n.	24 n.
do. (Single)	12 1/2 b.	12 n.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 1/2 n.	5 s.	—
Shanghai Lignite	5 1/2 n.	5 s.	—
Raub	5 s.	5 1/2 b.	4 1/2 b.
Tronoh Mines	65 n.	60 1/2 b.	—
Ural Caspian	8 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves & Godowns, &c.			
H. K. & W. Wharves	\$12 1/2 b.	122 sa	\$122 b.
H. K. & W. Docks	54 1/2 b.	54 1/2 b.	54 1/2 b.
Hongkows	170 h.	—	170 b.
New Engineering	534 h.	T 5.90 b.	534 b.
Shanghai Docks	105 b.	105 1/2 b.	105 b.
lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H. K. & S. Hotels (old)	10.05 1/2 n	11 b.	11 b. 11.10 n
do. (new)	11.10 sa	—	11.10 sa
Hongkong Lands	65 b.	65 1/2 b 66 1/2 sa	66 1/2 sa
H. K. Realty	5.90 b.	6 s 66 sa	6 s.
H. K. Territorial	5 n.	5 1/2 s.	5 s.
Humphreys Estates	14 1/2 b.	15 b.	14 1/2 b.
Princes Building	100 n.	100 s.	—
Rural Lands	1 1/2 b. & sa	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Two Cottons	9 1/2 s.	T 9 n.	T 9 n.
Oriental	2.70 s.	2 1/2 n.	2 1/2 b.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	53 n.	53 n.	53 n.
do. (new)	28 n.	27 n.	27 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Anton Ices	3 1/2 n.	\$6 s.	\$ 7 n.
ements (comb.)	14 n.	14 1/2 n.	13 n.
do. (old)	13 n.	13 n.	11 n.
do. (new)	3 n.	2 1/2 n.	3 n.
China Buses	10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	21 1/2 sa.	21 1/2 n.	21 1/2 s.
do. (old)	15 1/2 n.	15 1/2 n.	15 1/2 s.
do. (new)	12 sa.	12 1/2 n.	12 1/2 s & sa
China Prov. (comb.)	6.05 b.	6.10 b & sa	6.15 b.
do. (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	18 1/2 n.	17 1/2 s.	18 1/2 s.
airy Farms	6 s.	8 s.	—
or A Wing (full pd.)	—	—	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements.	11 1/2 n.	11 1/2 b.	—
H. K. Constructions	24 n.	3 s.	3 1/2 s.
Hongkong Electric	68 b.	68 1/2 b.	68 b.
H. K. Developments	15 cts s.	10 cts s.	10 s.
H. K. Ropes (comb.)	28 s.	—	30 s.
do. (old)	10 s.	10 n.	10 s.
do. (new)	5 s.	5 n.	5 s.
Hongkong Tramways	25.10 b 25 1/2 sa	25 1/2 b & sa	25 1/2 b.
ane, Crawfords	9 n.	8 s.	9 s.
Vacuo Electric	35 n.	—	—
Vackintosh	19 1/2 n.	—	—
Vanyang Tobacco	—	13 b.	17 1/2 b.
Peak Trams (old)	16 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.	17 1/2 b.
do. (new)	7.60 n.	8 n.	7 1/2 s.
Incinerators	11 n.	10 n.	9 1/2 b.
Singapore Trams	12 1/2 s.	6 1/2 s.	—
Arts	3 1/2 s.	3 s.	3 1/4 n.
United Asbestos	10 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	13 n.	13 1/2 b.	13 b.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Wm. Prowles	6 1/2 n.	5.95 n.	6 1/2 s.
H. K. Telephone	—	—	4 b.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 6th July 1926.

On London	—	—
Bank, Wire	2 1/2	%
On demand	3 1/2	%
30 days' sight	—	—
4 months' sight	3 3/4	%
Credit 4 months' sight	3 3/4	%
Documentary, 1 month's sight &	—	—
On Paris	—	—
On demand	1880	—
Credit, 4 months' sight	2000	—
On Berlin	—	—
On demand	nom	—
On New York	—	—
On demand	54	%
Credit, 60 days' sight	66	%
On Bombay	—	—
Wire	—	—
On demand	1800	—
On Calcutta	—	—
Wire	—	—
On demand	—	—
On Singapore	—	—
On demand	90	%
On Manila	—	—
On demand	100	%
On Shanghai	—	—
On demand	nom	—
30 days' sight (private paper)	—	—
On Yokohama	—	—
On demand	115	%
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	—	—
Silver (per oz.)	80	%
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People and Events in the News of the World



Lincoln Ellsworth, who contributed largely to make possible the Amundsen Polar flight in the dirigible Norge.



Carrying their banners demanding freedom for political prisoners and a living wage for the miners, British Trade Unionists packed the streets of London with a monster parade as the General strike commenced.



Miss Laddie Kyle, writer, was discovered in the provision locker of the Arctic-bound plane Alaskan at Seattle, just before the plane departed.



Despite the fact that he is an heir to the Woolworth millions, young Norman Woolworth, assistant manager of a Flushing, N.Y., store of the five and ten cent organisation, was refused an afternoon off to attend the wedding of his best friend.



Mr. A. J. Cook, leader of the British miners.



Premier Witos, of Poland, was forced to resign by a revolution headed by Marshal Josef Pilsudski.



A recent photograph of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader in the House of Commons.



SIR JOHN SIMON



MRS ELLIOTT LYNN



GEORGE F. NUGENT



J. R. CLYNES

Sir John Simon (Liberal) opposed the Eight Hours' Bill. Mrs. Elliott Lynn, noted British woman aviator, volunteered to make air flights for the Government. Mr. George F. Nugent, a noted British journalist. Mr. J. R. Clynes, labour leader, declared the strike was not an attack on the British constitution.



Foremost among those who helped to end the British strike was King George.



The general strike brought the Prince of Wales literally flying home from Biarritz where he had gone to take a vacation. He is shown as he entered the Paris aerodrome to take a plane to Britain.

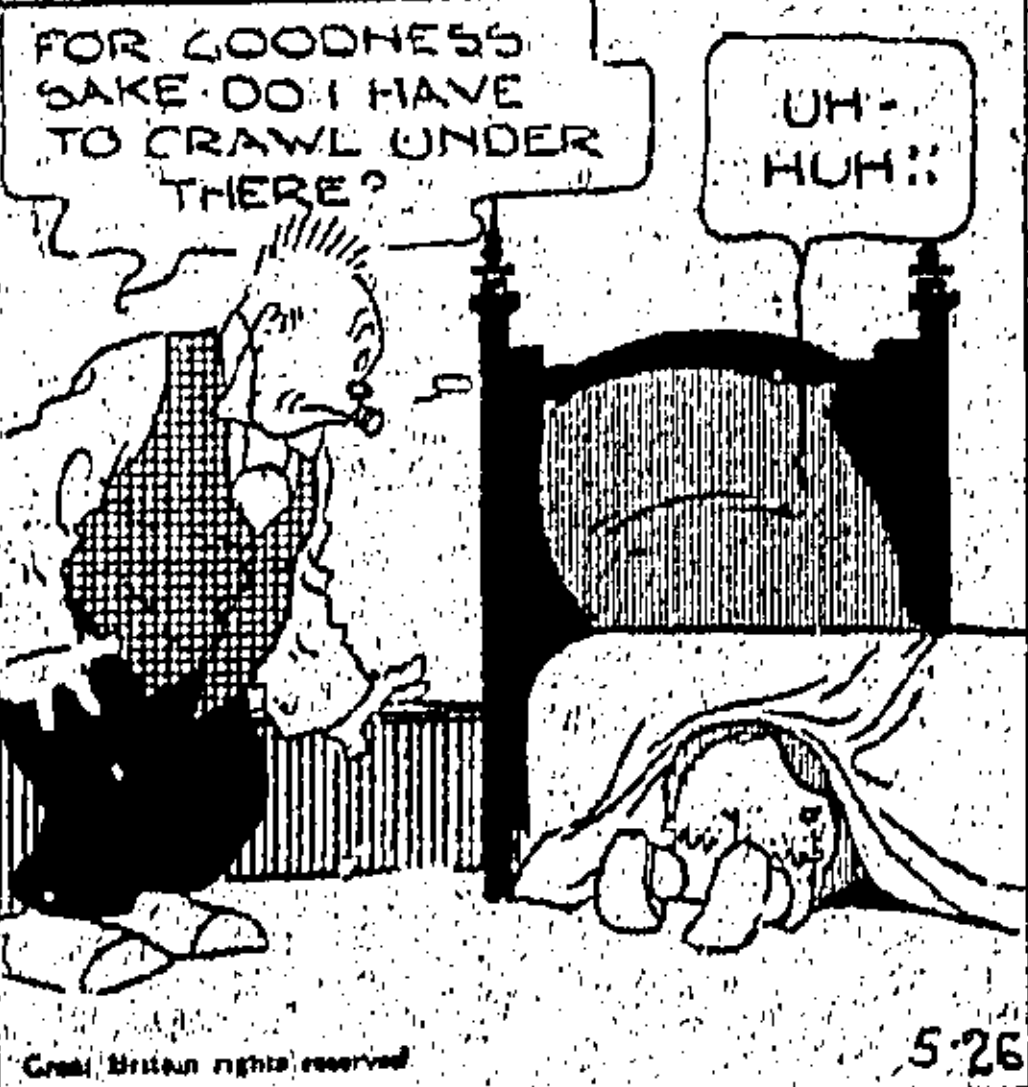
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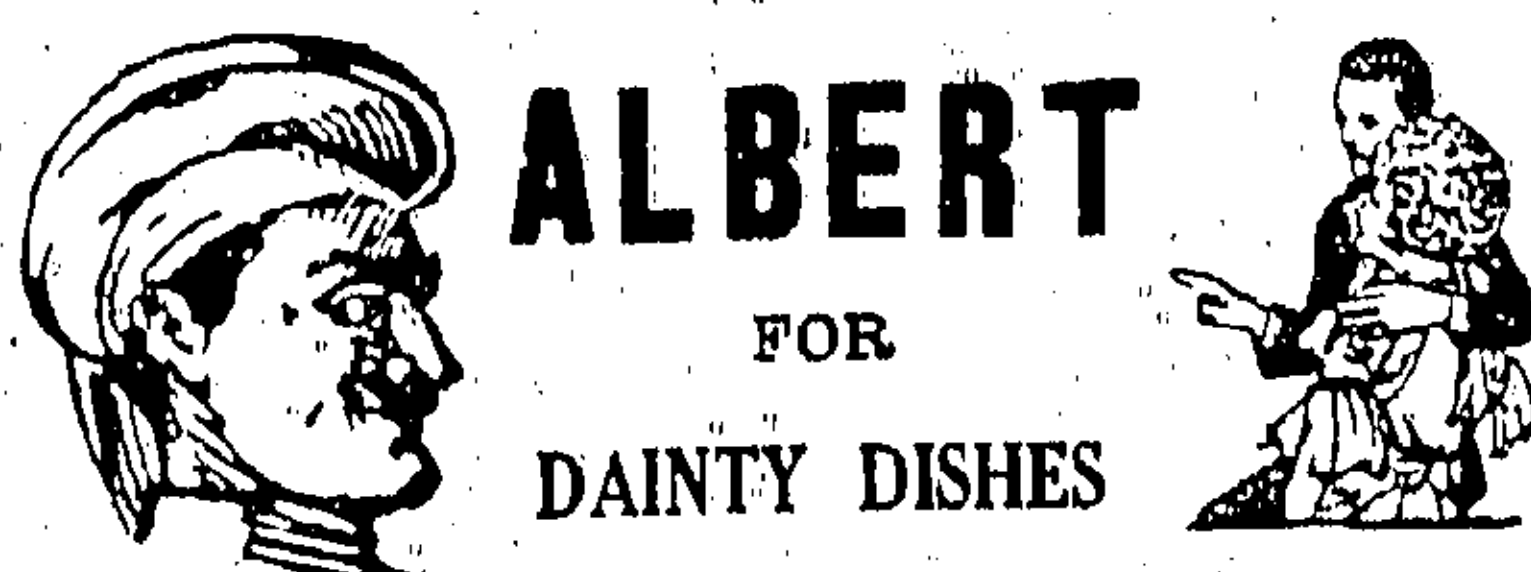
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REGULATIONS RELATING TO TEACHERS.

When a teacher becomes a member of the staff of one of the public schools in this Province (Winnipeg), she is given a form of agreement, and on the back of this form are regulations for teachers. In the agreement, among other clauses are these:—
"The days on which the teacher has attended the meeting of the Provincial Teachers' Association or Institutes as certified by the Superintendents of Schools shall be allowed as if the teacher had actually taught on those days."
"The agreement shall terminate at any time when the teacher ceases to be qualified to teach in the school in accordance with the school by-laws or regulations."
"The marriage of the teacher, if a woman, during the period of her employment shall terminate this agreement."

Definite Instructions.

The regulations are very definite and comprehensive, and a teacher who enters into this agreement knows exactly what her duties are in all the more important activities of school life. These systematic instructions for teachers in schools all over the Province make work simpler both for the Principal and the staff.

Teachers are instructed to be in their classrooms at least fifteen minutes before the time appointed for opening in the morning, and five minutes before the opening hour in the afternoon. Times of arrival are entered in a book in the Principal's office. Exercises required for desk work must be prepared by the teacher and placed on the blackboard before the arrival of the pupils. Supervision of the playground during recess periods is emphasised. In the school where I teach, four members of the staff are on duty in the playground daily. As the staff is large, this duty does not come too often, although it is a strenuous task while it lasts, especially during the winter months. The air is so exhilarating, and the sunshine and the snow combined give the children such zest for their games, that an orderly line and a decorous march into school are not too easy to ensure. Also the playground is so large that after the outside bell has rung it takes some little time for the various baseball and football teams (boys and girls both) to assemble at their appointed doors.

"Keeping-in" is only encouraged under exceptional circumstances. The teacher is advised to "avoid detention of pupils at noon hours and at recess, and generally, so far as possible, to avoid detention of pupils after the regular school hours." During the cold weather the teacher is instructed to see that pupils are properly clad before they are permitted to go to the playground during recess. This is an important duty of the teachers of the younger children. Last week we had below zero weather and a wind accompanying it, and I found two of my small boys going out to play and the coats which they had forgotten to put on were in the lobby.

"At the noon-recess, where the school management deem it advisable, one teacher shall, by arrangement, remain in charge of each school building, and be responsible for the order." In the country districts, where the children come long distances, this rule has to be considered all through the year, but in the city schools a teacher is required for "lunch-room duty" only when the weather is severe. "Each teacher shall send a written inquiry to the home of any pupil absent from school for two consecutive sessions, unless satisfactory reason has already been given for such absence." The work of the attendance officer is rather different here from what it is in London. Ordinary cases of absence are not reported to him, but

he deals specially with truancy in its more advanced stages. In certain districts the population consists largely of "New Canadians," and the children, often the only English-speaking members of the family, may, through lack of understanding and home influence, give a good deal of trouble in this direction.

Regulations As to Absence.

The regulations with regard to the absence of teachers and the supply of a substitute are admirable. These are the instructions: "Teachers requiring substitutes will please send notice by telephone A— (the School Board Office) 'on the morning of the day the substitute is required, not later than one hour and fifteen minutes previous to the hour of school opening.' After a substitute has been asked for, such substitutes will be sent until the teacher reports herself as ready to return."

With this arrangement there is no friction, loss of time or inconvenience to other teachers or to the Principal. The hour and fifteen minutes specified gives the substitute time to arrive before school opens. Her signature in the time book is often the only intimation one has that the ordinary class teacher is away. I was absent one day, and the ease and simplicity of the arrangements seemed wonderful to me. There was not even any need to telephone to the Principal. Everything was arranged from the School Board Office. It is rather helpful when one is ill to know that the resulting absence is not putting an extra burden upon one's colleagues. Twenty days per annum with pay are allowed for sick leave, but these do not accumulate from year to year. After one day's absence a doctor's certificate is required. Absence for other reasons means deduction of salary.—"The Schoolmaster and Woman Teacher's Chronicle."

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YOUTHS I LIKE.

BY A MODERN GIRL.

I do not know much of men—or care much. They either overlook me entirely or talk to me in the "you're-a-dear-little-girl" way, which is so hard to bear.

But I am an authority on youths. Some people find them uninteresting, but to me they are most diverting, on account of their infinite variety. It is only when they leave their youth behind that they become boring.

The ones I like best: Oxford voices (not bags!) charming manners, and intelligent conversation. They also take it for granted that girls are not entirely devoid of brains, which is rather pleasing.

The young and innocent type is rather attractive. When he blushes vividly at my approach I am filled with a laudable desire to protect him from the wicked world. Unfortunately his bloom is short, though sweet.

The strong, silent youth is exasperating, particularly as his taciturnity is either a pose or a cloak for stupidity. I once danced for a whole evening with one whose sole contributions to the gaiety of the occasion were "yes," "no," and "charming."

The young man who comes down from the university stuffed with theories as to how the world should be run is supposed to be rather trying. Personally I don't mind him, being callow and ignorant myself, but I believe he is excessively irritating to older people, particularly when he implies that some decay sets in at the age of twenty-five.

The youth who imagines he understands women is annoying. The matinee idol would probably be very nice if he had not been systematically spoilt from his cradle and failed to cultivate mind or manners. He is invariably a beautiful dancer, but believes that a profile is a substitute for conversation and excuses double faults at tennis.

By far the nicest youth is the truly British type—good-looking, but not vain, transparently honest, good at games, and better still at losing them.—"Daily Mail."

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